



**United States Marine Corps**

# **COMPOSITION FOR SUCCESS**



**Marine Musician 55XX  
Road Map DRAFT**



# MISSION STATEMENT



*The primary mission of a Marine Corps Band is to provide music for Military ceremonies and other official activities as may be directed by appropriate authority.*

*Marine Bands also support Marine Corps community relations programs as well as Marine Corps personnel procurement programs. In combat, Bands continue musical functions and augment security.*

# KEYS TO SUCCESS

## Training and Education

MOS



COLLEGE

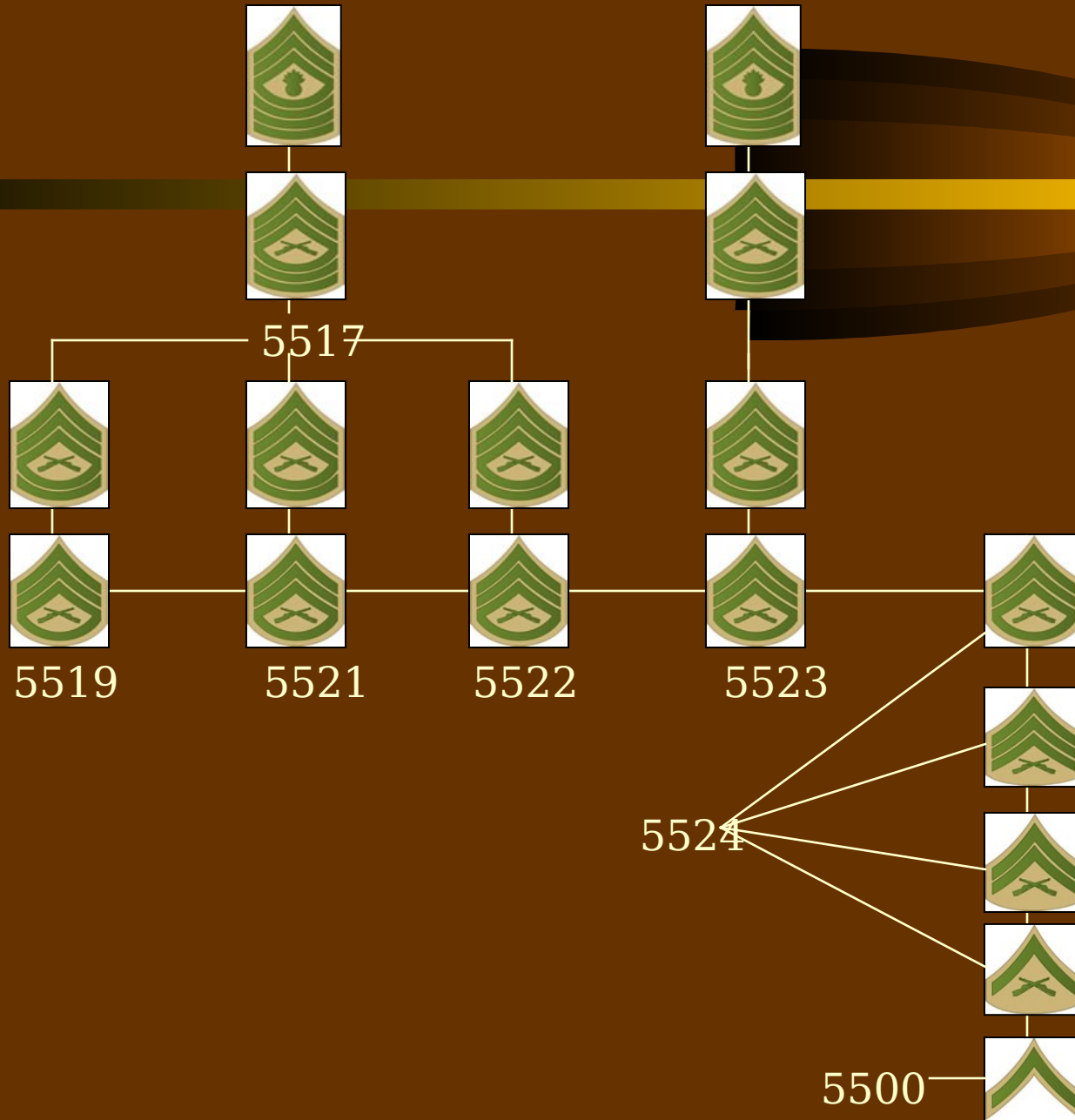


PME



MCI





# ENTRY LEVEL TRAINING

## 1<sup>st</sup> Year

- Complete Recruit Training
- Complete MCT
- Complete MOS School (Basic Music Course)



Note: Due to length of MOS school (6 months) Marines will not have an opportunity to enroll in MCI's or off duty education in their first year



# SMART



- Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry

Transcript (All Military Training and Education is listed in each Marines SMART Record as well any Civilian Education accomplished while on active duty)

- Marines may receive college credit for Military Training and Education listed in their SMART
- Credits listed on a Marines SMART are recommended by ACE (American Council on Education)

Note: Credits actually received will be at the final discretion of the University or College a Marine is attending

# ENTRY LEVEL SMART CREDIT

- College credit recommended for Basic Training  
2 Semester hours in Marksmanship, 1 in Personal Health/Hygiene, 1 in Outdoor Skills Practicum, 3 in Personal Fitness, and 1 in First Aid, all lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree
  - College credit recommended for the Basic Music Course  
3 Semester hours in basic theory/harmony, 1 in ear training/sight singing, 2 in jazz theory/improvisation, 2-4 applied performance, lower-division, and 2 semester hours in performing ensembles upper division baccalaureate/ associate degree
- Note: Marines should check their SMART frequently for additional credit recommendations from training and education received. At this time there are no recommended semester hours for (SOM) Advanced Courses

# INITIAL DUTY ASSIGNMENT

**2<sup>ND</sup> Year**

## **MOS Training**

- Units Brief, Train, and Enforce Occ Field ITS  
(MCO 1510.79B, Individual Training Standards System)

## **PME**

- Complete Personal Finance
- Complete Fundamentals of Marine Corps Leadership
- Begin Reading from the Commandant's Reading List





# CORPRAL

## MOS

- Units Brief, Train, and Enforce Occ Field ITS (MCO 1510.79B, Individual Training Standards System)

## PME

- Complete 8010 series MCI (NCO)
  - Complete Counter Terrorism for Marines
  - Continue the Commandant's Reading Program
  - Attend Corporal's Course
- Apprentice for Command Group Billet

# VOLUNTARY EDUCATION



- The following college courses are recommended:

ENG 114, MUS THEORY, MUS HIST

- If recommended PME is complete, a max of 13 credits may be received towards a degree



# SERGEANT

## MOS

- Units Brief, Train, and Enforce Occ Field ITS  
(MCO 1510.79B, Individual Training Standards System)
- Attend Unit Leaders Course or Arrangers Course  
(SOM Advanced courses require a 3.0 instrumental ability)
- WO package if desired (must have 8 yrs TIS and have successfully completed Unit Leaders and Senior Musicians Course)
- Recommend one of the following duty assignments:  
Section Leader  
SOM Instructor  
Apprentice for Command Group Billet  
B-Billets: Occ 5500 is fenced, requests will be considered on a case by case bases

# PME VOLUNTARY EDUCATION

## PME

- Complete 7100 series MCI
- Attend Sergeant's Course
- Continue the Commandant's Reading List Program

## VOLUNTARY EDUCATION

- If recommended PME is complete, a max of 27 cumulative credits may be received towards degree
- Complete Associates Degree



# STAFF SERGEANT

## MOS

- Attend Unit Leaders Course
- Submit for Lateral Move to (MOS 5519, 21, 22, or 23)  
(Successful Completion of Unit Leaders Course or Instrument Repair School Required)
- Marines must possess MOS 5519, 21, 22 or 23 to be considered for promotion to Gunnery Sergeant

# CAREER PATH CHOICE

- Career Paths

MOS 5524 Musician (Instrumentalist) PVT-SSgt

MOS 5519 Enlisted Conductor (EC) SSgt-GySgt

MOS 5521 Drum Major (DM) SSgt-GySgt

MOS 5522 Small Ensemble Leader (SEL) SSgt-GySgt

MOS 5523 Instrument Repair Technician (IRT)  
SSgt-MGySgt

B-Billet Musical Technical Assistant (MTA)

Note: B-Billets: Occ 5500 is fenced, requests will be  
considered on a case by case bases

# DUTY ASSIGNMENTS



- Fleet Bands - 5519, 5521, 5522, 5523, 5524
- SOM Instructor - 5519, 5521, 5522, 5523
- NATO - 5521, 5522
- B-Billets - 5519, 5521, 5522

# **VOLUNTARY EDUCATION**

## **PME**

- Complete 8200 series MCI
- Attend Career Course
- Continue the Commandant's Reading List

## **VOLUNTARY EDUCATION**

- Continue towards Bachelors Degree
- Degree Completion Program
- Attend Professional Development Conferences





# UNNERY SERGEANT

## MOS

- Career assignments

MOS 5519 Enlisted Conductor (EC)

MOS 5521 Drum Major (DM)

MOS 5522 Small Ensemble Leader (SEL)

MOS 5523 Instrument Repair Technician (IRT)

B-Billet Musical Technical Assistant (MTA)

be Note: B-Billets: Occ 5500 is fenced, requests will  
considered on a case by case bases

# DUTY ASSIGNMENTS



- Fleet Bands - 5519, 5521, 5522, 5523
- SOM Instructor - 5519, 5521, 5522, 5523
- NATO - 5521, 5522
- B-Billets - 5519, 5521, 5522

# **VOLUNTARY EDUCATION**

## **PME**

- Complete 7400 Warfighting MCI
- Attend Advanced Course
- Continue the Commandant's Reading Program

## **VOLUNTARY EDUCATION**

- Complete Bachelors Degree
- Degree Completion Program
- Attend Professional Development Conferences



# MASTER SERGEANT

## MOS

- Upon selection to MSgt a Marine's MOS is automatically changed to  
**MOS 5517** Band Master MSgt-MGySgt
- All Bands rate one **MOS 5517** MSgt or MGySgt

# **VOLUNTARY EDUCATION**



## **PME**

- Continue the Commandant's Reading Program
- MCI 0131H Correspondence Procedures
- Attend E-8 Seminar

## **VOLUNTARY EDUCATION**

- Pursue Masters Degree
- Attend Professional Development Conferences

# MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT



## MOS

- Duty Assignments
  - Band Master
  - HQMC
  - SOM Instructor
  - Senior Enlisted Repair Tech
  - SOM

# **VOLUNTARY EDUCATION**



## **PME**

- Continue the Commandant's Reading Program
- Attend Leadership Conference

## **VOLUNTARY EDUCATION**

- Continue towards Masters Degree
- Attend Professional Development Conferences

# Semper Fidelis

